

**2016 Crime Victim Services Conference**  
***"Chart Your Future"***  
**February 22-24, 2016**  
**Omni Corpus Christi Hotel**  
**Corpus Christi, Texas**

**CONFERENCE AGENDA**

**Monday, February 22, 2016**

**Corpus Christi Ballroom ABC**

**8:00am-8:30am**

**General Session**

**Welcome and Introductions**

*-Gene McCleskey*

**Presentation of the Colors**

*-Corpus Christi Police Department*

**Singing of the National Anthem**

*-Officer Gonzalez - CCPD*

**Opening Remarks & Conference Announcements**

**8:30am-9:00am**

**Keynote Presentation: Brotherly Love**

*-David Maxwell*

**9:00am-10:00am**

**Opening Plenary: Thriving Through Wellness**

*-Dr. Martha Ramos-Duffer*

**10:30am-12:00pm**

**Break-out Sessions**

**Corpus Christi Ballroom A**

**1A. Legislative Update Panel: TAASA, TCFV, CVC**

**TAASA – Chris Kaiser, TCFV – Aaron Setliff, CVC- Kristen Huff**

This workshop will address legislative changes that took place during the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative session and how new laws that affect statewide agencies in providing effective victim assistance.

## **Corpus Christi Ballroom B**

### **2A. Victim Rights**

*-Angie McCown*

The detailed history of victim rights and Texas state victim rights statutes will be discussed. Advocates will learn which rights are applicable at each stage of the criminal justice system.

## **Corpus Christi Ballroom C**

### **3A. Human Trafficking**

*-Kirsta Melton*

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## **Nueces Ballroom A**

### **4A. Presumptive Eligibility Training- Part 1\***

*- Manny Ruiz*

This two-part workshop will provide attendees Presumptive Eligibility certification and assist advocates in working directly with victims to gather the necessary information/documentation in order to submit a complete application for expedited processing through the Crime Victim Compensation Program. Part 1. *\*certification will only be granted through determination of attendance to both Part 1 and Part 2 of the training sessions.*

## **Bayview**

### **5A. Texas VINE: *Victim Information and Notification Everyday***

*– Jeff Larosa – Chris Gersbach*

This workshop will address the implementation of the automated statewide Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) system. Advocates will learn how notification impacts safety levels for victims and their families, how it operates and how to assist victims in accessing the Texas VINE system.

**12:00 – 1:30      Lunch on your own**

1:30pm-3:00pm

## **Break-out Sessions**

### **Corpus Christi Ballroom A**

#### **6A. NCMEC: A Powerful Resource**

*– Ernest Rivera*

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, (NCMEC), is a private, (501)(c)(3) nonprofit organization created in 1984 to serve as the nation's resource on the issues of missing and sexually exploited children. We offer law enforcement powerful resources to assist in cases of missing and sexually exploited children. This course will highlight these and other services available to law-enforcement, child advocates, crime prevention professionals, families, and more.

### **Corpus Christi Ballroom B**

#### **7A. Victim Impact Statements**

*- Julie Jespersen – Rose Trevino*

What is the purpose of the impact statement and how it is utilized by prosecutors, judges, the defense, probation and parole officers? Do you know the process in your jurisdiction? Learn the questions you need to ask and the options you have to assist victims to be heard

### **Corpus Christi Ballroom C**

#### **8A. Sexual Assault Training Program Certification and Minimum Standards for Sexual Assault Programs in Texas**

*-Patty Wilford & Peggy Helton*

This workshop will identify the core program requirements of the Office of Attorney General (OAG) Sexual Assault Training Program (SATP) Certification and examine the new minimum standards for sexual assault programs that go into effect August 31, 2016. Participants will gain vital information about the expectations and requirements of the OAG regarding both SATP certification and the new minimum standards and will be given the opportunity to ask questions and develop strategies to meet certification and minimum standards requirements.

### **Nueces Ballroom A**

#### **9A. Presumptive Eligibility Training Part - Part 2\***

*-Manny Ruiz*

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## **Bayview**

### **10A. Grants: Financial Reporting and Monitoring**

- *Terry McGee – Zulay Sanchez*

This workshop will provide grantees with detailed information regarding how to complete invoices, financial status reports, salary/match reports and other financial forms. Grantees will also be provided with an overview of what is involved in a monitoring visit, desk review and other types of monitoring.

**3:30pm-5:00pm**

## **Corpus Christi Ballroom A**

### **11A. Protective Orders**

- *D'Ann Anders –Erin Martinson*

This workshop will provide workshop attendees a comprehensive overview of protective orders; the workshop will address all matters pertaining to protective orders, from the securing/obtaining of protective orders, to the function, purpose, and pivotal role of victim liaisons/law enforcement in the obtaining of protective orders for victims of crime/family violence.

## **Corpus Christi Ballroom B**

### **12A. CJ 101 Overview**

-*Mark Skurka*

A comprehensive overview of the Criminal Justice System addressing investigation and pre-trial issues, grand jury and trial and sentencing, and appeals and post-conviction processes.

## **Corpus Christi Ballroom C**

### **13A. The Mind of a Sexual Predator**

-*Rick Gipprich*

This workshop provides an overview of the thought processes of sex offenders, why they do what they do and the difficulties in identifying such offenders as a result of specific motivations.

## **Nueces Ballroom A**

### **14A. Hidden Victim of Crime, Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking**

-*Linda Brandmiller*

As many advocates are not trained in immigration-specific issues, this session will highlight the latest federal and state changes addressing the needs/concerns for immigrant victim, some of the important trends, and how to better understand and

assist clients who have been victims of crime/domestic violence/human trafficking and abused/abandoned/neglected children.

### **Bayview**

#### **15A. Grants: OVAG/VCLG Performance Reporting**

*-Ana Goebler –Amy Britt –Cynthia Valadez-Mata*

This workshop will provide grantees with detailed information regarding how to complete required quarterly performance reports for OVAG (Other Victim Assistance Grants) and VCLG (Victim Coordinator and Liaison Grants). Grantees will learn the ins and outs of performance reporting directly from their OAG grant manager.

**Tuesday, February 23, 2016**

**8:30am-10:00am**

### **Corpus Christi Ballroom A**

#### **16B. Awards Benefits (CVC)**

*-Michele Washington*

A comprehensive overview of awards benefit payments including: medical; funeral; loss of wages; loss of support; rent/relocation; and all other payment types and necessary documentation will be discussed.

### **Corpus Christi Ballroom B**

#### **17B. Presumptive Eligibility Certification Training Part 1\***

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### **Corpus Christi Ballroom C**

#### **18B. Victim Disparities**

*-Ericka Jackson-Ramos –Virginia Flores*

This workshop will educate advocates on the importance of learning cultural practices and traditions to better assist victims of crime.

### **Nueces Ballroom A**

#### **19B. Victims with Mental Illness**

*-Chad Hollinbaugh*

This session provides an overview of the effective means of delivering services/access to victim resources to victims coping with mental illness

## **Bayview**

### **20B. Grants: SAPCS-State Performance Reporting**

*-Ana Goebler – Amy Britt – Cynthia Valadez-Mata*

This workshop will provide grantees a detailed overview of quarterly performance reporting requirements and Sexual Assault Prevention & Crisis Services (SAPCS) – State definitions. Grantees will have an opportunity to learn the ins and outs of performance reporting directly from their grant manager and program staff.

**10:30am-12:00pm**

## **Corpus Christi Ballroom A**

### **21B. SAER Billing**

*-Stacey A. Mitchell –Ricky Sanchez*

This workshop is an interactive overview of appropriate/effective submission of necessary information, documentation to CVC for reimbursement of Sexual Assault Exam Reimbursement Billing

## **Corpus Christi Ballroom B**

### **22B. Presumptive Eligibility Certification Training - Part 2\***

*-Manny Ruiz*

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## **Corpus Christi Ballroom C**

### **23B. Title IX**

*-Daniela Monkiewicz –Erika Harrison*

This workshop was uniquely designed to bring awareness to Title IX issues and the role of campus administrators in addressing sexual misconduct. This workshop provides a practical understanding of Title IX and how campus administrators assist victims of sexual misconduct through the formal complaint process and by utilizing internal and external resources. Attendees of this workshop will be equipped with the necessary tools to successfully navigate sexual misconduct issues in academic environments.

## **Nueces Ballroom A**

### **24B. Cyber Crimes**

*-Dara Bowlin*

This workshop will provide an overview of the various types of ever-evolving cyber crimes and the effective means for enhancing community awareness and education efforts for statewide law enforcement and victim advocates in addressing such crimes.

## **Bayview**

### **25B. Grants: Grant Writing 101**

*-Melissa Foley – Lyndsay Ysla*

This workshop will provide attendees a broad introduction to writing a grant application. Learn the basics of filling out an application, writing effective narratives, and helpful tips for a successful submission. Attendees will gain a clearer understanding of grant solicitations and how to better prepare for submission of their own application for future grant opportunities.

**1:30pm-3:00pm**

## **Corpus Christi Ballroom A**

### **26B. HB 1446**

*-Gene McCleskey*

This workshop will provide an overview of the implementation of HB 1446 and how it relates to providing victim assistance for statewide law enforcement, victim advocates, and the Crime Victim Compensation Program.

## **Corpus Christi Ballroom B**

### **27B. CVC Eligibility Overview**

*-Robert Rodriguez*

This workshop will provide a detailed overview regarding the eligibility process of the Crime Victim Compensation Program (CVC). Workshop attendees will take part in an interactive dialogue which analyzes specific case scenarios that requires audience participation in determination of eligibility in several example studies.

## **Corpus Christi Ballroom C**

### **28B. Gang Violence**

*-Paul Mohler*

Gang violence and victimization present unique challenges for the criminal justice system and victim assistance programs. This training explores these challenges and reviews successful strategies for serving victims of gang violence.

## **Nueces Ballroom A**

### **29B. How to Shift to a Trauma-Informed Approach**

*-Barbie Brashear –Amy Smith*

This workshop will present information related to domestic violence, the Adverse Childhood Experiences study and how trauma impacts development across the lifespan. It will provide participants with resources to assess their current practices and offer opportunities to have discussion about the challenges we all face in delivering services to survivors.

## **Bayview**

### **30B. Grants: Panel Discussion with Grants Operations and Asset Management**

*-Melissa Foley – Lyndsay Ysla*

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) Grants Operations, Grants Management, Financial and Monitoring staff will facilitate a discussion with grantees. This is a great opportunity to participate in discussions with other grantees and OAG grants staff to help in administering grants effectively.

**3:30pm-5:00pm**

## **Corpus Christi Ballroom A**

### **31B. National CVC Overview**

*-Dan Eddy*

The workshop will provide an overview of Crime Victim Services programs and resources available to victims nationwide.

## **Corpus Christi Ballroom B**

### **32B. Overview CVC Appeals Process**

*-John Ramsey*

This workshop will provide a detailed overview regarding the legal appeals process of the Crime Victim Compensation Program (CVC).

## **Corpus Christi Ballroom C**

### **33B. Human Trafficking**

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## **Bayview**

### **35B. Grants: SAPCS Federal Performance Reporting**

*-Ana Goebler –Amy Britt –Cynthia Valadez-Mata –Peggy Helton*

This workshop will provide grantees with a detailed overview of the new quarterly reporting requirements and Sexual Assault Prevention and Crisis Services (SAPCS) definitions. Grantees will learn the ins and outs of performance reporting directly from their OAG grant manager and program staff.

**Wednesday, February 24, 2016**

**8:30am-10:00am**

## **Corpus Christi Ballroom A**

### **36C. Legal Ethics**

*-Kristen Huff*

This workshop centers on preparing attorney, and those who work closely with them, on coping with crisis, crime and victims through the most ethical means possible.

## **Corpus Christi Ballroom B**

### **37C. Address Confidentiality Program**

*-Christine Kruhalski*

This training will consist of an overview of how the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) works and advises victim advocates regarding the appropriate means for submitting ACP applications. All victim advocates must be trained on ACP before they can utilize the program.

## **Corpus Christi Ballroom C**

### **38C. Forensic Interviewing**

*-Clarissa Mora –Penny Green*

This workshop will review the forensic interview process and its role in an investigation. Participants will discover what a forensic interview entails and its benefits; learn effective forensic interview techniques with child victims; and gain awareness of child development and its impact on the interview.

## **Nueces Ballroom A**

### **39C. Assisted Pro Se for Victims of Family Violence**

*-Brittany Hightower*

This workshop is geared toward communities and advocates who are interested in utilizing the APS program. The APS program provides free, individualized legal assistance to victims of family violence in all counties of Texas. Program attorneys prepare customized legal documents for divorces and protective orders, offer on-going legal advice about the court process, and give detailed instructions to clients about the pro se process.

## **Bayview**

### **40C. Grants: OVAG/VCLG Performance Reporting**

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## **Corpus Christi Ballroom ABC**

### **General Session**

#### **“Suffer From BURNOUT?”**

-Mark Yarbrough

Burnout affects millions of Americans each year and has been called “the disease of our civilization.” The unhappiness and detachment burnout causes can threaten your job, your relationships, and your health. But there’s good news -- burnout can be healed. Former 20-year elected District Attorney, MARK YARBROUGH, from Littlefield, Texas (hometown of Waylon Jennings), personally experienced burnout, learned how to successfully overcome it, and went from “Burnout” to “On Fire!” He has since become a “burnout expert” and has written and published on the subject. Mark is a very entertaining, motivating and inspiring speaker. He has taught thousands of people how to overcome Burnout -- from companies like Blue Bell Ice Cream and Xcel Energy, to teachers and doctors/nurses, to a variety of government workers (police officers, CPS workers, attorneys, victim’s rights advocates, counselors, mental health professionals, etc.). Audience members will learn the definition of Burnout and the symptoms thereof. But more importantly, attendees will be laughing, and at the same time learning how to apply Mark’s philosophy to help themselves or their co-workers avoid and/or recover from Burnout. This is a training that you won’t want to miss!